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Poloff telephoned Maldives Ministry of Foreign Affairs Assistant Director for UN Affairs Ahmed Shiaan on September 20 to follow up on ref b demarche. Shiaan confirmed on September 26 that Maldives has decided to support the U.S. candidate. He said the MFA would soon forward an official response to the Embassy. BLAKE